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Attorney Docket No.: 014058-008010US

Client Ref. No.: CX-99-0036

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SKEIKY and GUDERIAN

Application No.: 09/684,215

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING A
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS
CODING SEQUENCE TO FACILITATE
STABLE AND HIGH YIELD
EXPRESSION OF THE
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEINS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2519

Examiner: Liu, Samuel Wei

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 18, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed January 25, 2005, on the above-referenced application, please enter the following remarks. A petition to extend time for three months, from January 18, 2005, to April 18, 2005, is filed concurrently. Also filed herewith is a notice of appeal.

Claims are presented in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Appl. No. 09/684,215
Response dated April 7, 2005
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